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## ELECTION 2000

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Primary

### President

#### DEMOCRAT

Gore — 37.5 percent  
Bradley — 8.7 percent  
Precincts reporting: 62.3 percent

#### REPUBLICAN

Bush — 27.3 percent  
McCain — 23.3 percent  
Precincts reporting: 62.3 percent

### Senator

#### DEMOCRAT

Diane Feinstein — 53 percent  
Precincts reporting: 63.8 percent

#### REPUBLICAN

Tom Campbell — 22.6 percent  
Ray Haynes — 8.7 percent  
Bill Horn — 6.0 percent  
JP Gough — .7 percent  
Precincts reporting: 63.8

### Assembly 23

Tony West — 37.1 percent  
Manny Diaz — 40.4 percent  
Fred Buzo — 3.9 percent  
Precincts reporting: 98 percent

### Rep. District 15

#### DEMOCRAT

Mike Honda — 40.1 percent  
Bill Peacock — 13.6 percent  
Precincts reporting: 92.4 percent

#### REPUBLICAN

Jim Cuneen — 33.6 percent  
Dale C. Mead — 5.3 percent  
Precincts reporting: 92.4 percent

### Rep. District 16

#### DEMOCRAT

Zoe Lofgren — 71.9 percent  
Precincts reporting: 98.6

#### REPUBLICAN

Horace Thayne — 23.5 percent  
Precincts reporting: 98.6

### City Council

#### District 2

Forrest Williams — 48.7 percent  
Maria Y. Ferrer — 18.6 percent  
Kathy Chavez Napoli — 32.8 percent  
Precincts reporting: 98.4 percent

#### District 4

Kansen Chu — 26.9 percent  
Jim Canova — 3.4 percent  
J. Manuel Herrera — 11.1 percent  
Chuck Reed — 42.8 percent  
Dale Detwiler — 7.0 percent  
George Melendez — 8.8 percent  
Precincts reporting: 100 percent

#### District 6

Bill Chew — 4.2 percent  
Kris Cunningham — 32.8 percent  
Ken Yeager — 38.5 percent  
Jim Spence — 17.0 percent  
Dan Lopez — 3.2 percent  
Mike Borquez — 4.4 percent  
Precincts reporting: 100 percent

#### District 8

David D. Cortese — 45.9 percent  
Eddie Garcia — 23.0 percent  
Patricia Martinez Roach — 14.8 percent  
Maria Fuentes — 16.3 percent  
Precincts reporting: 98.4 percent

#### District 10

Nancy A. Pyle — 23.7 percent  
William J. Garbett — 4.0 percent  
Pat Dando — 72.3 percent  
Precincts reporting: 98.7 percent

### Propositions

Prop. 1A — passed  
Prop. 21 — passed  
Prop. 22 — passed  
Prop. 25 — failed  
Prop. 26 — failed  
Prop. 30 — failed  
Prop. 31 — failed

### Measure 0

failed



Lexey Swall / Spartan Daily

SJSU professor Ken Yeager hugs his friend and supporter Nan Vaughan at Lou's Village restaurant, where they were awaiting the results of Tuesday's elec-

tion. Yeager is running for District 6 San Jose City Council seat, which includes Willow Glen and the Rose Garden districts.

## Yeager on for November

Scott Shuey

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Supporters of Ken Yeager's campaign for the San Jose City Council may be getting some good news and some bad news.

The good news is that Yeager, a San Jose State University political science professor, finished first of out a field of six running for the District 6 seat.

The bad news is that first

place isn't enough. As of last night, Yeager had only 38.4 percent of the vote, while his opponent Kris Cunningham received 32.8 percent of the vote.

If neither candidate receives 50 percent of the vote, the top two candidates will face off in a run-off election in November that will decide who gets the seat that represents the Willow Glen and Rose Gardens areas.

Denelle Feder, a 1996 SJSU

political science graduate and Yeager's campaign coordinator, was confident that Yeager would eventually win the seat.

"It is close, but Ken's leading," she said. "The possibility is that Ken will be the new councilman tonight, and if not now, then in November."

Mayor Ron Gonzales introduced Yeager to the crowd of supporters waiting for him in the back of Lou's Village restaurant on West Santa

Carlos Avenue.

"When Ken announced he was running for City Council, I was honored and privileged to endorse him," Gonzales said. "Council district elections are the last level where you can make an impact door to door."

Yeager said he was looking forward to working with the mayor when he is elected.

"It was such a privilege to work with Ron on all of those issues," he said, which include

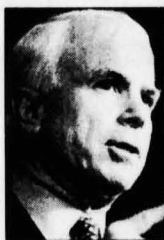
preserving neighborhoods, reducing traffic and connecting BART to San Jose.

Many of the people there to support Yeager didn't always agree with his politics, but they supported his stances of local issues.

Robert Hayton, who has worked with Yeager on the Rose Garden Preservation Association, said he supported

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## California Primary



McCain



Bush



Bradley



Gore

### Gore, Bush capture lead for presidential bid

Gov. George W. Bush captured the richest prize in the presidential nomination process Tuesday with a convincing victory over Sen. John McCain in California. Vice President Al Gore beat Democratic rival Bill Bradley in a landslide.

Bush defeated the Arizona senator in the tally of GOP voters and led him by about 5

points in a separate count of all voters in early returns. In a possible preview of a November matchup, Gore led Bush slightly in the same tally. The win gave the Texas governor all 162 delegates at stake here — more than in any other state.

"The Republicans thought Bush was going to walk away with California," said Alyson L. Abramowitz, a member of Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee. "He's winning but it is in no what I would call a landslide."

Abramowitz spoke at victory party for

Democrats at Gordon Biersch brewery in downtown San Jose.

"I consider myself a huge step closer and will work hard to secure the nomination," Bush said after sweeping several big-state primaries.

McCain told supporters in Los Angeles: "We will never give up this mission, my friends." But he said he would meet with aides Wednesday and "talk about our future."

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## Prop. 22 has wide majority

Trisha Santos

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Despite vigorous campaigning, California voters are not ready to define marriages beyond the union between a man and a woman.

At press time, 61.4% voted for its passage while 38.6% voted against it.

John Gorshe, a junior social work major, was with the majority. He said he had felt confident about the passage of

See 22, page 4



West



Diaz

### Diaz, West in dead heat

Andi Anderson

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Manny Diaz was trailing opponent Tony West by .3 points as of 11p.m. Tuesday in the race for California Assembly's 23rd District.

"Just the fact that we're dead even is great," Diaz said.

The race for the assembly seat took off when Mike Honda stepped down from the position.

Honda is running for

See Diaz, page 5

## Campbell rules his field

Christina Lucarotti

DAILY STAFF EDITOR

Tom Campbell's first step toward unseating Democratic incumbent U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein in the 2000 elections was to beat out the more than dozen primary candidates for the coveted racing position.

A congressman for the past nine years, he introduced himself to a crowd of about 200 supporters at the Campbell Community Center in Campbell Tuesday night.

"I am Tom Campbell, and I'm going to be your next U.S. senator," he said.

At the time, election results were still being counted but



Campbell was at 27 percent after Feinstein who was leading with 48 percent.

Interpreting these preliminary results for the crowd, Campbell said, "More than half of the California voters want a new senator."

Campbell's victory - at least for Super Tuesday - was predicted and endorsed by several California newspapers, including the San Jose Mercury News and the Orange County Register.

Although he is seen as a

maverick for his sometimes moderate - even liberal - stances on issues such as abortion and finance reform, Campbell endorsed Bush for president.

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Sarah (left), a SJSU student, and Sana Rahman, with their mother Malika Khan, ask for Tom Campbell's autograph at the Campbell Community Center. Karla Gacher / Spartan Daily

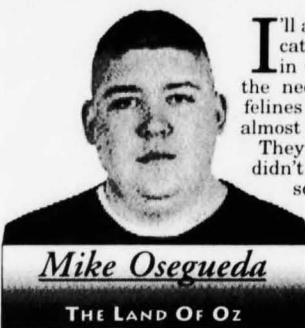


# Opinion

## OPPOSING VIEWS Animal Cruelty

Animal Cruelty

### Animal cruelty not at top of societal ills list



**Mike Osegueda**  
THE LAND OF OZ

Jazz.

Of course, this blatant display of physical dominance upset my sisters and they would constantly tell me to leave the cats alone.

I bring this up because of the recent highway happening that has captivated the Bay Area. After a fender bender, a man came from what was reported as a black sports utility vehicle to the car of Sara McBurnett. The man reached into McBurnett's car, grabbed her 10-year-old dog, Leo, and hurled him toward busy freeway traffic. The dog was run over by the traffic, and he eventually died.

**People must realize there is a reason we have a food chain and the "survival of the fittest" theory.**

Call it the ultimate case of road rage.

Given the sob story, it may be hard for me to convince someone that we shouldn't increase the punishment for people who are cruel to animals in such a manner, but I hardly believe this warrants new laws in the name of animal protection.

With the passing of Tuesday's elections, we should all be aware of how much time, effort and money goes into passing legislation, and passing tougher animal cruelty laws isn't too high on what I view as the priority list.

Robert Brown, a senator from Georgia, is leading the push for stronger laws, which would include trying severe cases of cruelty as a felony.

With all due respect to Sen. Brown and McBurnett, I think we have larger things to worry about.

Sure, cases like McBurnett's are tragic, but I've yet to see the newspaper flooded with cases of animal cruelty. However, I do see violence among humans each and every day in some form or another.

Maybe we should focus on these issues before we start a march to save animals from the occasional abuser. Call me heartless if you wish, but I put a higher value on human life than an animal's.

While I know some people have a particularly close relationship with their pets, people still must realize there is a reason we have a food chain and the "survival of the fittest" theory.

I'm not endorsing picking up animals by their tails and swinging them around like a lasso. I enjoy the companionship pets provide, and I would never want to see anything happen to my dog. But the logic of trying to increase penalties for animal cruelty is just a haze to me.

What are we going to do, put animals on the stand to testify against alleged abusers in court? Or, put a guy in jail for a few years after a felony charge for spanking his pet monkey?

While I believe nothing that lives deserves to be abused, it's not plausible to increase the penalties solely because one guy went Neanderthal and killed a dog.

I don't want to see these penalties get to the point where I could find myself in handcuffs because I sent my sister's cat flying through the air out of my door.

*Mike Osegueda is the Spartan Daily Sports Editor*

### Animal abuse merely a gateway to worse crime

Sara McBurnett, a 38-year-old real estate agent from San Jose, told the Mercury News, in its Friday edition, "I keep having flashbacks. I cry at least once an hour."

The trauma she referred to was the death of her companion and friend, a 10-year-old dog, Leo, a Bichon Frise.

The dog was thrown into traffic by an enraged motorist who was upset when McBurnett's car bumped his in stop-and-go traffic, near the crowded San Jose International Airport.

McBurnett rolled down her window to apologize for bumping the man's car when he reached in the open window, grabbed the dog and threw him toward the lane of traffic running opposite McBurnett's.

Leo was run over by oncoming traffic and died as a result of his injuries but only after he suffered during the ride to the veterinarian in McBurnett's car.

The dog tosser pulled recklessly into traffic and sped away.

A \$40,000 reward has been set up for information that leads to the arrest of the perpetrator of the Feb. 11 incident, which has drawn national attention to the subject of animal cruelty.

Police have been looking for a dark sport-utility vehicle or truck with a camper shell and Virginia plates.

It's no wonder the perpetrator fled the scene. If caught, he could face a whopping one year in a state prison and/or a \$20,000 fine, according to the California Penal Code, if he were to be convicted of animal cruelty, something that — in this case — seems possible.

The Penal Code does not use the term "whopping," but the penalty is too lax for such an act of cruelty.

There are no provisions for counseling or rehabilitative measures that may be needed in such a case. Some states have been looking to up the punishment for animal cruelty within their borders.

Even before the San Jose incident, Georgia's Lt. Governor, Mark Taylor, joined a coalition in its aim to increase penalties for the crime in Georgia. In that state, animal cruelty is a violation of state law but carries only a misdemeanor charge.

Larry Gibson, an animal control officer in Clayton County, Georgia, in an Associated Press report, said, "Eighty percent of the people I deal with go on to bigger and better crimes. They get desensitized and get a thrill from this."

Randall Lockwood, vice president of the Humane Society of the United States, cited the case of T.J. Solomon in the same AP report.

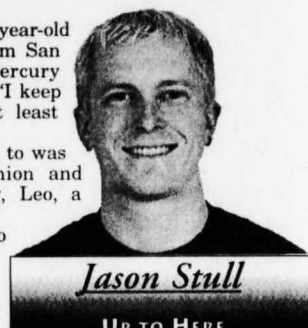
Solomon is an Atlanta area teen indicted in a school shooting at Heritage High School, where six students were wounded. Solomon reportedly told school psychologists he liked to look into animals' eyes when he shot them and watch them die.

An act of cruelty toward an animal is often cited in cases of those who commit violent acts against people, as sort of a "gateway crime."

While no one can say exactly what sort of crime, if any, the perpetrator in the San Jose incident may be capable of committing, a felony such as the type committed against Leo could be a sign of more serious things to come — if the Solomon case in Atlanta is any indication.

A one-year, \$20,000 penalty for such a vicious act is not acceptable.

In a "civilized" society, acts of violence against helpless creatures have no place. Those who commit them, and knowingly torture or kill animals in a way that is clearly cruel, do not belong among us and should be removed from society for much longer than one short year.



**Jason Stull**  
UP TO HERE

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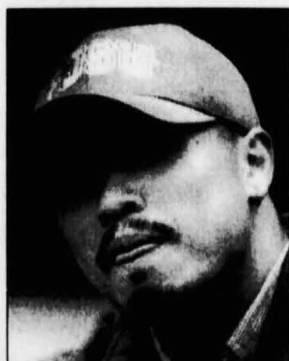
*Jason Stull is the Spartan Daily Managing Editor*

## Talking Heads Should penalties for animal cruelty be more severe?



"Yes, animals are God's creatures too and nobody has the right to mistreat them."

— Riga Rahim  
senior  
public relations and  
German



"I think it's fair. It depends on the severity or the cruelty of the case."

— Hector Cao  
senior  
administration of justice



"It should not be stiffer. One year and \$20,000 is a lot."

— Robert Nicolet  
junior  
electrical engineering



"They should increase the fine amount, not the jail time."

— Maranda Tam  
junior  
graphic design



"I don't think an animal life is worth as much as a human. I think it's fair."

— Gulnara Rakhmanova  
junior  
computer engineering



"If animal cruelty cases are increasing, so should the punishments increase so they stop doing them."

— Simi Dhall  
junior  
international business

Compiled by Franklin Leiva and photos by Kohjiro Kinno



# Forum

## Plane crash teaches tragic lesson of friendship

There are a few days out of the year that serve as reminders of what's important — family, friends, faith. For some, Christmas will do the trick, or a lot of people count on New Year's to gain a clearer perspective.

I can't figure out why there are so few of these days. Why, with our supposed intellectual superiority to the rest of the animal kingdom, do we let our lives become consumed by the tedious?

Perhaps it's too difficult to define and seek what's meaningful to us. Maybe admitting that we care about and depend on other people makes us vulnerable.

It's much easier to let the things we value get lost in classes and work. It's even easier to rationalize — as I suspect many of us do — that my friends and family understand I'm busy, understand we'll get together and catch up as soon as I get over my current hurdle. But hurdles are endless.

Sunday, I'll take a breather. It's my friend Mark's 26th birthday. It's also about the time I start remembering how to be a friend.

I have to celebrate Mark's birthday in spirit. He died in a plane crash on his way home from a trip to Tahoe in 1994. He died before I could tell him what he meant to me.

Oddly — unlike many people who lose a friend suddenly — about a month before he

died, he gave me the chance to tell him. But, being a 21-year-old, I wouldn't allow myself to succumb to such vulnerability. I passed up the chance to tell him everything he meant to me, and I never saw him again.

I had known him since I was about 14 years old, there was so much I should have said. But the idea that it might have been the last time I could talk to him was something I never could have fathomed.

Where would I have started, anyway? I knew from the day I met him he was someone I could trust, someone who could make me laugh. I didn't imagine he would become one of my best friends, my brother, my protector. I didn't know he would be the only man I could share such a close platonic friendship with — without our gender creating barriers.

I didn't realize until after he was gone that he helped me learn how to be a friend. He was one of those rare people who didn't



**Margaret Bethel**

CONGENIALITY NOT INCLUDED

belong to a specific group — he had hundreds of friends — he could fit in anywhere. But when he was with you, it seemed as if he didn't belong anywhere else.

The last time I saw him was at a party. He stopped me as I was leaving because he wanted to thank me for being such a good friend and tell me that he loved me.

He brought up some scrape he had gotten into several years before. It was

before we even had driver's licenses, and he was in some sort of trouble, stuck at a pay phone. He called me, and I got my mom to take me to pick him up. She took us back to my house, and he and I spent the next couple hours finding a solution to the problem he had.

He told me at the party he would never forget that. He said that's when he realized we would always be friends. He wasn't afraid to make himself vulnerable, and I blatantly humored him. He was hugging me, thanking me for my friendship through the years, and I said "yeah, yeah, Mark, I love you too. Are you loaded or something?"

How much did you drink? I gotta go ..."

I remember it so vividly because it played over and over in my head after he died. When I think of what I could have said, those words pierce through me.

Those words also keep me from making the same mistake today. We can't protect our feelings and still have meaningful relationships. We can't allow our jobs or homework to play a more important role than the people who stand by us when we get fired or fail a class.

The night he died, before it was confirmed that a plane had even gone down, another friend and I were at his parents' house making phone calls to different Tahoe authorities to find out what happened.

Watching his parents waiting for the phone to ring, I kept assuring his mom he would walk through the door any minute. He had to. I had some very important things to tell him, to thank him for.

But he never came home.

His death is no less tragic because I learned this lesson, but being open, honest and loyal to the people I care about — the way he was to me and everyone that knew him — is the only way I've found to thank him.

Margaret Bethel is the Spartan Daily Co-Executive Editor. "Congeniality Not Included" appears Wednesdays.

## Quote for the Daily

**"Laws are like sausages. It is better not to see them being made."**

— Otto von Bismarck

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# News



**Tony West, a candidate** for state Assembly District 23, shakes hands with his supporters Tuesday at his office in Willow Glen. West, as well as his sup-

porters, waited for the results in a relaxed environment.

Rika Manabe/Spartan Daily

## West barely leading Diaz

Erin Mayes  
DAILY STAFF WRITER

As of 11 p.m. Tuesday, Tony West was leading Manny Diaz by 3 points in the race for the State Assembly District 23 seat.

District 23 covers East San Jose, downtown San Jose, the Rose Garden area, Willow Glen and part of the Evergreen area.

West and Diaz, both Democrats, are the main candidates in the race.

"This is the first time I've really taken a political stand," said West supporter Anthony Bass. "I believe he is very dedicated and he can do something with that."

Bass and other supporters and volunteers showed up at West's campaign headquarters Tuesday night to find out — and hopefully celebrate — the results of the primary election.

Many of West's supporters seemed to have met him before and had different reasons for voting for him.

"I came by to show some solidarity," David Burruto said. Burruto does not live in District 23, but still wanted to show his support.

"He's youthful and he's got what this state needs. Tony West, is, in short, a powerhouse. His understanding and state experience are the best."

West said the differences between him and his main opponent, Diaz, are many, despite their Democratic standing.

"I think there's some real differences between Manny and I," West said. "I think the fact that I have experience at the state level makes a big difference."

Diaz is a city councilman for District 5, which covers East San Jose.

There were four other candidates — Fred Buzo, a Democrat, Dana W. Albrecht, a Libertarian, and Republicans Tom Askland and David J. Neighbors — but their presence in the race was minimal as the results for West and Diaz rolled in.

While they waited for the results Tuesday, West's supporters ate finger foods and listened to a band playing Elvis songs. Wine and beer flowed freely as West walked around and shook hands with everyone who showed up to support him.

"(West) is only 34-years-old and he's got a wealth of experience behind him," supporter Fred Mitchen said. "I think Tony is honest, well educated and qualified. I think he's going to go somewhere. And he loves San Jose. That's important."

West's campaign field director, Donovan Bayuga, was also on

hand.

"He's very much on the ball," Bayuga said. "If we win tonight, he'll be speaker in four years."

A critical weakness for West was the fact Diaz had incumbent state assemblyman Mike Honda's endorsement.

West, 34, is currently a special attorney general for the state of California. He was appointed by California Attorney General Bill Lockyer in Jan. '99.

A San Jose native, West and his three younger siblings attended San Jose's public schools.

West started his political career early by serving as the chairman of the San Jose Youth Commission in '82 and '83, while he attended Bellarmine College Preparatory.

After graduating from Bellarmine in '83, West enrolled at Harvard College and published the Harvard Political Review. He graduated from Harvard with honors in '87 and moved on to work for former governors of Massachusetts and Arkansas, Michael S. Dukakis and Bill Clinton, respectively.

During this time, West became the finance director of the Democratic Governors' Association and worked with Clinton to get Democrats elected as governors across the nation.

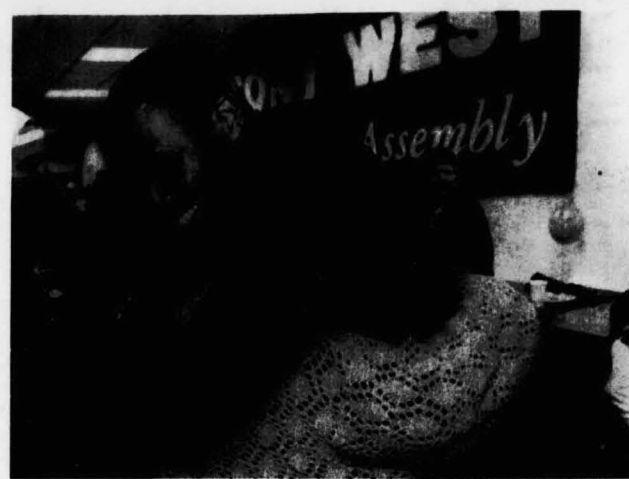
When Clinton ran for president in '92, West was elected to serve as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in New York City.

After Clinton was elected, West served as a member of the finance staff of the California Democratic Party.

In '89, West enrolled at Stanford Law School. He became president of the Stanford Law Review and received his degree in '92.

West had a private practice for about a year, but then was appointed Special Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

When he was appointed as Assistant United States Attorney



Rika Manabe/Spartan Daily

**Tony West hugs a supporter** at his office Tuesday in Willow Glen. West is running for state Assembly District 23 seat against Fred Buzo and Manny Diaz.

**"I think Tony is honest, well educated and qualified. And he loves San Jose. That's important."**

— Fred Mitchen  
West supporter

at Lincoln Law School of San Jose.

He was a member of the Housing Leadership Council of the Santa Clara Valley Manufacturing Group and has participated in several youth mentoring programs.

West met his wife, Maya Harris West, in law school. She is currently the Dean of Lincoln Law School of San Jose and together they have one daughter, Meena.

West was able to raise over \$58,000 in his first two weeks of campaigning and has managed to earn the endorsements of quite a few influential organizations.

West is supported by the San Jose Police Officers' Association and the San Jose-Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Elected officials who support West include Congresswoman Anna Eschoo, State Attorney General Bill Lockyer, State Treasurer Phil Angelides, State Senators Liz Figueroa and Kevin Murray, retired State Senator Al Alquist, and Assembly members Ted Lempert, and Herb Wesson.



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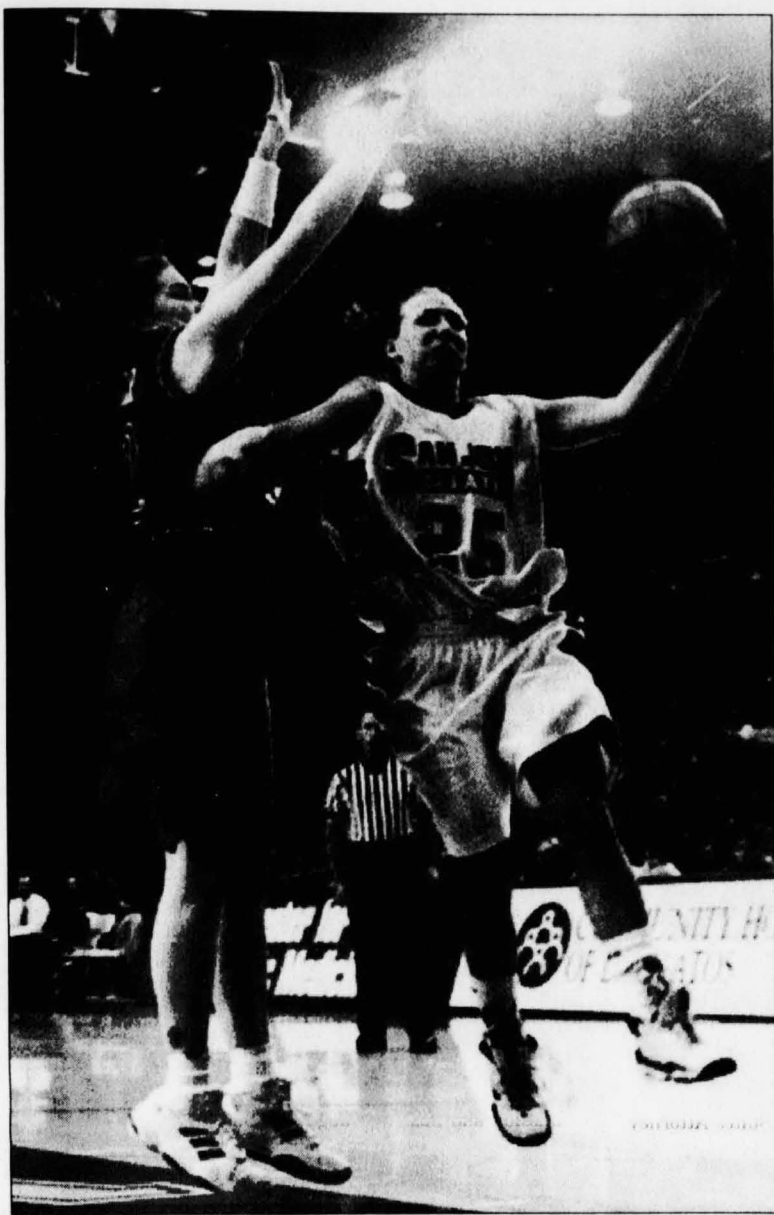
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# Sports

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Above, Megan Gluhan, senior forward for the SJSU women's basketball team, makes sure Fresno State's Amanda Baker doesn't get in her way during a game Thursday. Even though Gluhan finished with 15 points, the Spartans lost in their last game of the regular season 71-65.

## WAC TOURNAMENT PREVIEW

Right, Spartan R.J. Powell drives against Mike McIntyre of Hawai'i during a recent game in the Event Center. The Spartans dominated the game winning 67-50.



Sebastian Widmann / Spartan Daily

## Gonzaga downs Waves, heads back to NCAA dance

SANTA CLARA (AP) — OK, basketball fans. Repeat slowly: "Gone-ZAG-uh."

For the second straight year, Gonzaga will be befuddling announcers and perhaps again tormenting much bigger schools in the NCAA tournament. Last season the Zags came within one win of the Final Four, and gave the nation a pronunciation lesson.

Casey Calvary scored 28 points as Gonzaga captured an automatic NCAA tournament berth by defeating Pepperdine 69-65 in overtime late Monday night in the West Coast Conference championship game.

Gonzaga became the darling of last year's NCAA tournament by defeating Minnesota, Stanford and Florida before losing by five points to eventual champion Connecticut in a regional final.

The Zags spent much of their time during that tournament trying to educate all comers that their school name is not pronounced "Gon-ZAH-guh."

"People will never quite figure out how to pronounce it, and that's fine with us," Calvary said. "We play better when we're the underdog."

Ryan Floyd added 14 points and Richie Frahm had seven of his 12 points in overtime as Gonzaga

(24-8) won the conference tournament for the second straight season.

"This will be the first night that I'll actually sleep for eight hours. When the buzzer sounded I felt a huge barbell lifted off my shoulders that's been there since Oct. 15," said Mark Few, Gonzaga's first-year coach. Craig Lewis had 17 points for Pepperdine (24-8), which won the WCC's regular-season title and hopes for an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament. Archie added 12 points for the

Waves.

Gonzaga, a private Jesuit school of 4,800 students in Spokane, Wash., was famous mostly for alums Bing Crosby and John Stockton until last year. Its greatest sporting achievement had been sharing the 1950 NCAA box-

ing title with Idaho.

Last March basketball fans throughout the nation struggled to pronounce the name of an obscure 16th century priest. St. Aloysius Gonzaga, the patron saint of youth, died in 1591 caring for victims of the plague in Rome.



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## Looking for an upset

### Men, women head to Fresno tourney

Marcus R. Fuller  
DAILY STAFF WRITER

With March Madness around the corner, it's the time when most college basketball teams around the country are battling each other in their respective conference tournaments for a shot at an at-large bid NCAA tournament.

Nevertheless, in this week's Western Athletic Conference tournament, which will be held at Selland Arena in Fresno, the talk has not been about which teams will make or break their chances of acquiring a spot in the field of 64, but who has already secured it.

The conference tournament's top two seeds in the men's field — Tulsa and Fresno State — are a lock for the NCAA's, according to several WAC coaches.

Unfortunately for the rest of the field, the success or failure on the court in Fresno doesn't necessarily make or break each team's chances at playing in the post season.

Upon having the WAC tournament, conference officials decided not to have the tournament champion receive an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

The decision placed teams such as Southern Methodist, Hawai'i and Texas Christian in a must-win situation, in order to improve their chances with the NCAA tournament selection committee.

SMU head coach Mike Dement said he voted for a conference tournament because it gives his team a chance to gain a couple of wins to better its post season opportunities.

"There are several teams that need to position themselves for an NCAA bid," Dement said. "We are in that situation."

Of all of the WAC teams, most coaches agree Fresno State has the advantage. Not only are the Bulldogs hosting the WAC tournament, but they have the conference Player of the Year, Courtney Alexander, peaking at the right time, according to FSU head coach Jerry Tarkanian.

"Offensively, he is playing as good as anybody," Tarkanian said. "Courtney has been playing his best ball since the injury in January."

Alexander suffered a stress fracture in his left foot in January. Now he is leading the nation in scoring with 25 points per game.

With the win at UTEP Saturday, the San Jose State University men's basketball team earned the fifth seed in the WAC tournament. It was the highest seed for the Spartans in the post season.

**"If we could do something against TCU and then something with Tulsa, then we'll worry about getting a call."**

— Steve Barnes  
SJSU men's basketball coach

tourney since becoming a member of the WAC in the 1996-97 season.

In a field of eight teams, the Spartans will play fourth seeded TCU at noon on Thursday, for what Horned Frogs head coach Billy Tubbs called "the toughest game" on the first day of the tournament.

"The No. 4 and No. 5 seeds are most evenly matched," Tubbs said.

Although the Spartans lost to the Frogs twice during the regular season, SJSU led by double-digits in both contests.

In their first WAC game of the season on Jan. 13, the Spartans lost to TCU 69-60 at the SJSU Event Center. SJSU shot

just 38 percent from the field and 36 percent from the free throw line in that game. The Frogs also held SJSU's scoring leader Billy Landram to three points in the contest.

In the rematch at TCU on Feb. 12, the Spartans were defeated 78-73 after squandering a 19-point second half lead.

SJSU head coach Steve Barnes said his team failed to continue to attack TCU, and overall, the players dropped their aggressiveness on both sides of the court.

"Our biggest problem is that we didn't play 40 minutes against them," Barnes said. "Defensively, we weren't as physical as we were in the first half. We basically backed off."

Even with a series of victories in the WAC tournament, the Spartans chances of playing during March Madness is quite slim. However, Barnes said his team is focusing on its next game and not about the future.

"We're only worrying about one game at a time," he said. "If we could do something against TCU and then something with Tulsa, then we'll worry about getting a call."

One player who will surely give the Frogs all they can handle is senior R.J. Powell, who was selected to the all-WAC defensive team.

Barnes said Powell was one of toughest and most aggressive players he has ever coached because he comes to play every night.

"I respect him for his toughness and his will to win," Barnes said. "You can't replace a guy like R.J. Powell. A guy like him only comes around once in awhile."

SJSU finished the regular season with a 15-14 overall record, and 6-8 in the WAC. TCU was 17-13 overall, 8-6 in the WAC.

### Women's Basketball

In the women's field of the WAC tournament, SMU and Hawai'i are the top two seeds. Both squads boast two players on the all-WAC first team, and both have 19 wins overall. SMU however, won the conference regular season championship with a record of 12-2, and with the No. 1 seed will face No. 8 San Jose State at noon Wednesday at Selland Arena in Fresno.

The Spartans were on a one-game win streak, before losing to Fresno State on March 2 in their last game of the regular season.

On Feb. 29, the Spartans ended a 28-game WAC losing streak by defeating UTEP at home, 73-68. One loss that added to its conference streak this season was to SMU, which defeated SJSU by an average margin of 33 points.

SJSU head coach Janice Richard was hopeful that her team would pull an upset in the first round of the WAC tournament.

In order to top SMU, the Spartans must find a way to put the clamp on senior Karlin Kennedy.

The 6-foot-1-inch Mustang forward was named WAC co-player of the year with Hawai'i's Raylene Howard. Kennedy ranks among the WAC leaders in five statistical categories, including scoring (15.2) and rebounding (7.6).

SJSU finished the regular season with 3-21 record overall, 1-13 in the WAC.

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District 6 candidate Kris Cunningham checks the progress of her election online Tuesday at her Willow Glen house. Her opposition is

Ken Yeager, a SJSU professor, and Jim Spence. Cunningham said it cost \$67,000, all donated, to finance her campaign

## Yeager

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Yeager mainly because of his stance on preserving neighborhoods but also because of Yeager's personality.

"Ken to me is kind of laid back," he said. "He's very approachable. He has an idea of what he wants and how to do it. I see a guy who has the passion to serve San Jose."

"Ken is much more liberal than I am, but those big grandiose issues are not what politics are about of the city level."

Ford Miller, who lives outside of District 6, was also not one of Yeager's typical campaign volunteers.

"I'm a Republican. Don't tell anyone I'm here," he joked.

"I like the way he expressed him," Miller said. "He spoke like an honest, truthful person, and we need honest, truthful people in government. Believe me."

Yeager had said his sexual orientation has not been an issue so far this election and hadn't expected it to be. In 1996, when he ran for the state assembly, his sexual orientation came under attack.

Yeager ran for the seat against Bill Chew, Mike Borquez, Kris Cunningham, Dan Lopez and Jim Spence. Frank Fiscalini, the

current District 6 councilman, can not run again due to term limits.

As of 11:30 p.m., Jim Spence had received 17.1 percent of the vote, Chew had received 4.2 percent, Borquez had 4.4 percent, and Lopez received 3.2 percent.

Some the issues that Yeager's campaign is focusing on include traffic, improving education and making sure that neighborhoods include city parks.

Yeager, who moved to San Jose in 1971, is no stranger to working in the community.

He is president of the Rose Garden Neighborhood

Preservation Association and holds a chair on the Guadalupe River Parks and Gardens Committee. He has also been vice president of the San Jose Community College Board of Trustees and Chair of the Airport Curfew Monitoring Committee.

He has also worked for prominent politicians on the county and federal level.

Yeager was press secretary for Congressman Don Edwards from 1983 to 1985 and worked as Edward's campaign manager in the 1982, 1984 and 1986 elections.

He was also an assistant to Susie Wilson from 1979 to 1982 when Wilson was a Santa Clara County Supervisor.

He was also an assistant to Santa Clara County Supervisor Rod Diridon from 1978 to 1979.

## Results went as expected

### Cunningham satisfied with run-off against SJSU's Yeager

Monica L. Ewing  
DAILY STAFF WRITER

Kris Cunningham found no surprise in City Council District 6 primary election returns that found her trailing Ken Yeager with nearly half of districts reporting.

"It is turning out like I thought it would," Cunningham said. "With six candidates running, I will be very surprised if it is not a run-off."

The crowd of supporters gathered at Cunningham's house was anxious but hopeful.

Several of Cunningham's supporters, including her two sisters, unable to handle the suspense, drove to Campaign Central, located at the County Board of Supervisor's Chamber, to get the latest news.

Among the supporters remaining at her home was Linda LeZotte, District 1 City Council member.

"I was on the planning commis-

sion, and for six years I saw her (Cunningham) come before the committee as a member and later as president of the Willow Glen Neighborhood Association," LeZotte said. "I was impressed by her grasp on everything and the fact that she cares. Even though I have known Ken Yeager for years, I think she is a better candidate."

Edith Ramirez, legislative assistant to Vice Mayor Frank Fiscalini from District 6, was an active volunteer for Cunningham.

"She has always been involved with the neighborhoods," Ramirez said. "It was an easy decision for Frank Fiscalini and I to support her."

"A lot of the volunteers working on my campaign are from District 6, and they all can speak to having worked with me," Cunningham said.

She kicked off her City Council campaign on Aug. 14 at the encouragement of others who

asked her to step up after Vice Mayor Frank Fiscalini's term was up.

"She's always been a person that you can access," said Arlene Herrick, a longtime friend and former neighbor of Cunningham. "She is always willing to open a door and listen, and I think the neighborhood needs that."

Several of Cunningham's supporters gathered at her house said they were impressed with her energy, dedication, willingness to "get down and do the dirty work" and sincerity.

During the campaign, Cunningham stressed her priorities were: getting citizens involved with decision-making processes; ensuring sound planning in land use, development and growth decisions; and preserving and improving the quality of life through traffic improvements, affordable housing and police and fire protection, according to her Web site.

"I enjoy working with people and I believe in bringing people

into the process early on because as long as they are feeling heard, there can be great cooperation and participation," Cunningham said.

Cunningham was born and raised in San Jose and graduated with honors from San Jose State University in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in political science.

She has been a member of the Willow Glen Neighborhood Association for 20 years. For six of those years, she was president.

Cunningham is on the Bond Oversight Committee for San Jose Unified School District and has served on a number of committees for the school district over the years.

"She attends more meetings in a week than the City Council members do," said Helen Solinski, a boardmember of the Willow Glen Neighborhood Association.

As the evening wound to a close on Tuesday, Cunningham and her supporters stood with tired eyes glued to a computer screen and television set with hope.



Sebastian Widmann / Spartan Daily

Jim Spence (left) and his campaign manager Victor Ajlouny try to find out the absentee ballot count on the phone Tuesday at Spence's house.

## Spence comes up short

Marcus R. Fuller  
DAILY STAFF WRITER

In the primary race for the San Jose City Council seat in District 6, Jim Spence fought an uphill battle against giants and came up short, according to preliminary results.

District 6 includes the Willow Glen and Rose Garden areas.

Although the final results were not available at press time, Ken Yeager was leading with 39.5 percent of the vote, followed by Kris Cunningham with 31.7 percent. Spence was well behind at the third spot with 17.3 percent.

All of these numbers came with 30 of 64 precincts reporting.

The opponents ahead of Spence in the polls, Cunningham and Yeager, both received support from the likes of Mayor Ron Gonzales and Frank Fiscalini — the current District 6 councilman — who is in his last term.

According to Spence's campaign consultant, Victor Ajlouny, everyone remained optimistic even though it was difficult to persuade people to vote for a new candidate.

"People tend to go with the familiar candidate," he said. "But with someone new, there's always a possibility they can change."

When the fund-raising campaign for the city council seat began on Sept. 9, there were only three candidates — Cunningham, Yeager and Mike

Borquez — who had filed to form fund raising committees.

It wasn't until two weeks before the deadline for filing that Spence entered his name into the race for San Jose City Council.

Spence said the reason for the delay was that he wanted to make sure he was ready to campaign.

"I had thought about it two years earlier, but I didn't think deep enough," Spence said. "By the time I made my decision, there was still a lot of signatures and paperwork to be done."

The other two candidates for District 6, Dan Lopez and Bill Chew, also entered their names late in the race.

Although he has had significantly less time to campaign than some of the other candidates, Spence received a considerable amount of support from the community.

"I had a terrific experience going door to door and talking with people," Spence said. "I went to several thousand doors and everyone seemed like they wanted to be informed."

One reason Spence was able to gain local support stemmed from his strong community ties from spending his entire life living and working in District 6.

"I've known Jim for over 18 years and he's the most ethical person I've ever come in contact with. I know that if he was elected to the City Council he would do the right thing," said Willow Glen resident Bruce Stine.

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## Turnout matched gray skies

### Rain slows activity at polling stations

Donna Carmichael  
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Gray skies that turned into heavy rain during the late afternoon commute may have put a damper on California's projected heavy voter turnout Tuesday.

A Field Poll released Tuesday morning, estimated approximately 7.3 million residents, or 34.9 percent of eligible citizens in the voting age population would cast votes in their precincts, or vote by absentee ballot. The estimate was considered to be a record for primary voting in the Golden State.

But the picture at polling stations throughout much of San Jose on Super Tuesday looked a little different by midafternoon, where voter turnout was light to moderate at best.

Precinct Inspector Bob Diamond at First Immanuel Lutheran Church on Third Street near San Jose State University, said his precinct was split this year, with half the voters designated to the polling station across

the street at the Villa Nueva YWCA.

"The turnout has been very light over here. Everyone who previously voted at this site, now has to trek across the street."

Diamond's colleague John Root, a precinct inspector at Villa Nueva, said there was no reason to split the precinct up.

"What a mess," he said. Diamond characterized the voters at precinct 1356 as "SJSU students, Asian immigrants and everything in between."

He said reports of heavy morning turnouts in affluent communities in the county, such as Los Gatos, are a function of demographics.

"Affluent whites vote," he said. One Los Gatos voter, Alice Hansen, braved the weather and commute traffic to run an errand for her daughter — a teacher — who hadn't done her homework.

"My daughter has been voting since she was 18. She's 29 now, and I have never seen her fired up like this over an election," said



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Volunteer Amy Shiozaki, far right, waits for election results from local precincts to come in at the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors chambers Tuesday evening. The volunteers, most of

Hansen. "But she didn't hear from the Registrar of Voters and has no idea where to vote, or even if she is on the voting list, that's why I came over here," she added.

Hansen said the crowds at her neighborhood center early Tuesday morning, were bigger than she can remember them in years.

"It was just packed," she said. "It seems like we may be coming out of a long period of voter apathy."

whom are county government employees, had already posted the absentee ballot results.

By 10:30 p.m., Santa Clara County's Registrar of Voters was finding the same trend, as 25 percent of the ballots were counted.

"It looks like we've got the kind of turnout seen in other primaries," said Kathryn Ferguson of the Registrar of Voters.

"I don't think the turnout is up over 40 percent. And the results are spotty," she added. "Some areas of the county voted heavy, and other areas are very light."

Hilda Garcia, a 23-year-old

working the night shift at a Texaco Station near the Registrar of Voters, said she looks forward to the day when she can make her vote count and her voice heard.

Garcia, a native of Mexico, has lived in California since the age of two, but cannot vote.

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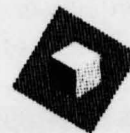
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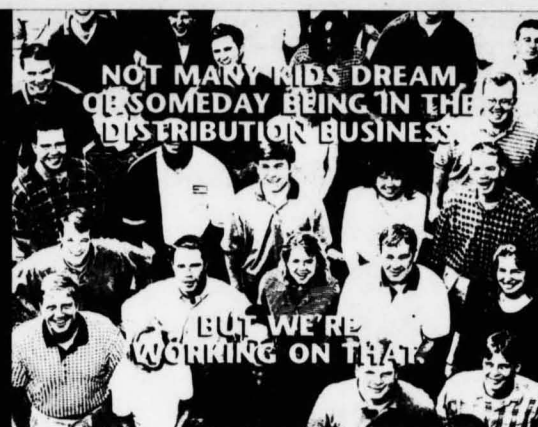
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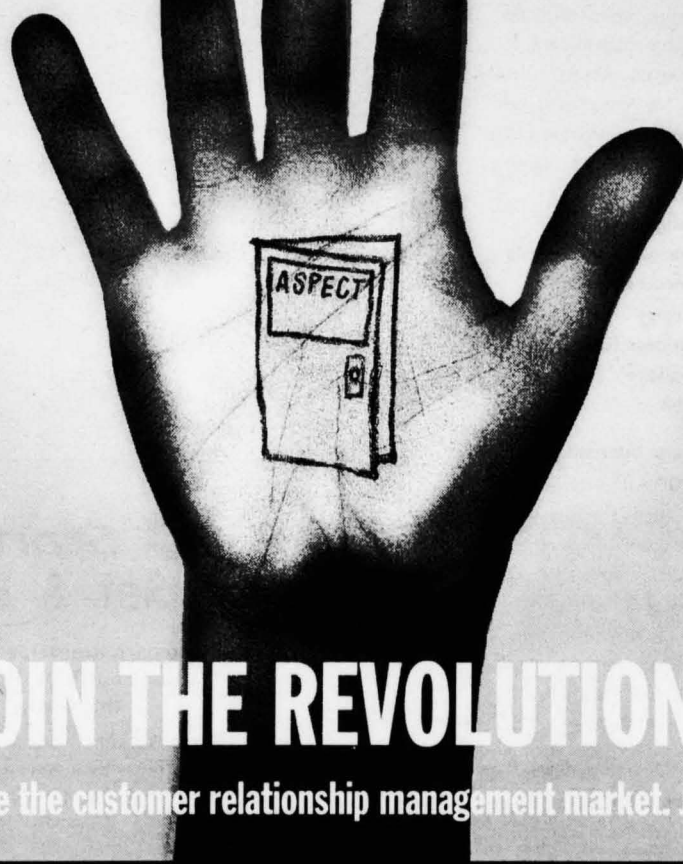
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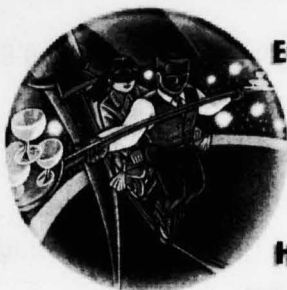
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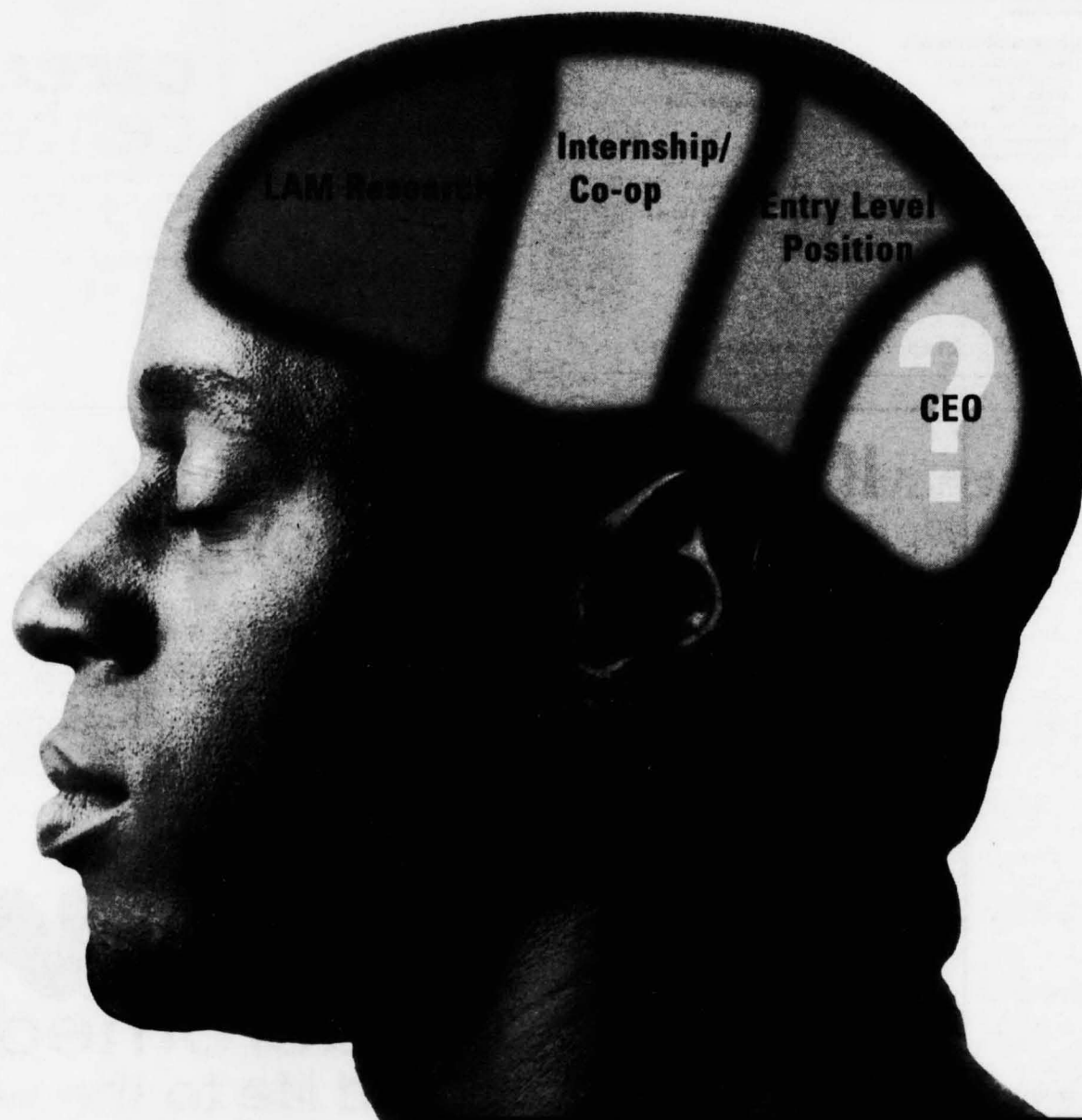


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 Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.  
 Western Athletic Clubs  
 YMCA Camp Jones Gulch  
 Yosemite Concession Services Corp.

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 check out future options

*job seekers:*  
 resumes and professional  
 attire recommended

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